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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 November 1996

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 28 November 1996, *Thanksgiving Day*.]

Friday, 29 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

12 noon	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)*

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

3 p.m.	68th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.2) [8].

2. Question of Palestine [35]:

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on all outstanding draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.16 (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/51/L.21 (item 96 (b, ii)), A/C.2/51/L.24 (item 94 (a)), A/C.2/51/L.26 (item 96 (b)) and A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.1 (item 12)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	56th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.39/Rev.1

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.41/Rev.1, L.53/Rev.1 and L.68

3. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] A/C.3/51/L.72

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Human Resources Management [120] (A/51/656)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. United Nations Common System [121 (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

   Continuation of general discussion

3. United Nations Pension System [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

   Continuation of general discussion

4. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141] (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

5. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153] (A/51/519 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

   Introduction and general discussion

6. Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154] (A/51/520 and A/51/681)

   Introduction and general discussion

7. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155] (A/51/508 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

   Introduction and general discussion

8. Financing of the Activities Arising from Security Council Resolution 687 (1991)

   (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

   (A/51/658 and A/51/683)

   Introduction and general discussion

Informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16, A/51/7/Add.1, A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150] (A/C.6/51/L.20 and A/C.6/51/L.21)

2. Establishment of an International Criminal Court [147] (A/C.6/51/L.10 and A/C.6/51/L.22)

3. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [151] (A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1 et A/C.6/51/L.23)

. Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144] (A/C.6/51/L.24)

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	226th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Environment Programme
2. Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities
3. Draft reports
4. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination with the Agencies and the IAEA

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 29 November 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II))

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: net flows and transfer of resources between developing and developed countries)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: trade and development)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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Briefing

There will be a special briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on post adjustment issues for the professional and higher categories of staff in the common system by the Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission on Friday, 29 November 1996, following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee in Conference Room 5.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Friday, 29 November to Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Friday, 29 November 1996, the following will be screened:

"By God's Will: Voices from Gaza"

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November, to Thursday, 5 December 1996.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fourth Committee matters: questions relating to information)* on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(plenary matters: item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)* on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 , at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Round table

The International Peace Academy (IPA) and the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations will hold a round table with Mwallmu Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and currently Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Talks, on Tuesday, 3 December 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 52nd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.56

The representative of Australia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of her delegation and the sponsors listed as well as Finland, Honduras, Monaco and the United States.

The Netherlands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.60

The representative of El Salvador introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Mauritania, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation.

Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.62

The representative of Belgium introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Australia, Japan, Portugal and Ukraine.

The Czech Republic, Lithuania and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.65

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

China, the Sudan and Iraq joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.71

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Lesotho and the Sudan.

Burundi, Togo and Rwanda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.63

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.66

The representative of Pakistan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Djibouti, Nepal, New Zealand, Singapore, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United States.

Afghanistan, Andorra, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Liechtenstein, Mauritania, Panama, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Solomon Islands and Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.68

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Chile, Kuwait, Malaysia, Monaco, New Zealand and Senegal.

Australia, Canada, Costa Rica and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.69

The Secretary of the Committee read out corrections to the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Monaco.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

The Secretary of the Committee read out a correction to the draft resolution.

The representative of Austria introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Albania, Belarus, Chile, Costa Rica, Luxembourg and Panama.

The Czech Republic, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, France, Kenya, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, San Marino, the Solomon Islands and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

53rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 53rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/233).

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3715th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/1996/959 and Corr.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/975) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/975).

Decision: The draft resolution S/1996/975)received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1081 (1996).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/45).

3716th meeting

The situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Preventive deployment Force pursuant to Security Council resolution 1058 (1996)(S/1996/961)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/979)which had been submitted by France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/979).

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Decision: The draft resolution S/1996/979)received 14 votes in favour, none against and one abstention (Russian Federation), and was adopted as resolution 1082 (1996).

3717th meeting

The situation in Liberia

Twentieth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (S/1996/962)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Liberia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1996/984, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1996/984) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/984) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1083 (1996).

3718th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1996/913)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1996/985) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/985).

Decision: The draft resolution S/1996/985)received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1084 (1996).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

67th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19)

The representative of Cameroon made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Benin, Tunisia, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and by The Honourable Paul Mmolotsi Rantao, member of the Parliament of Botswana.

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resoluuion A/51/L.19 was postponed to a later date to be announced.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Co-operation Organization [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/265 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.7/Rev.1)

The representative of Turkmenistan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/51/L.7/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.7/ Rev.1 (resolution 51/21).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26.

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/51/L.23) [159]

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq and Cuba.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Turkey and the United States.

By 56 votes to 4, with 76 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.23 (resolution 51/22).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Swaziland, Venezuela and Burundi.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Programme of work

The President reminded Members that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions under agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) would be Tuesday, 3 December 1996.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/232)

The representative of Pakistan made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration" (A/51/232).

The General Committee decided to recommend that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/51/233)

The representative of Canada, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day" (A/51/233).

The General Committee decided to recommend that the additional item should be included in the agenda of the current session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 22nd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85]

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegation of Senegal in the list of speakers under agenda item 85.

The general debate concluded with statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and the following associated countries: the Czech Republic, Iceland, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Burundi and Senegal.

A/C.4/51/L.19 to A/C.4/51/L.23/Rev.1

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.19, L.20, L.21/Rev.1, L.22 and L.23/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee announced that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

The representative of Mexico made an editorial comment on the Spanish text of document A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1

A/C.4/51/L.19

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.19 by a recorded vote of 69 to 2, with 59 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.20

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.20, by a recorded vote of 129 to 2 with 4 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1

Following an amendment introduced by the representative of Norway on A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.21/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 126 to 3, with 6 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.22

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.22, by a recorded vote of 125 to 2, with 7 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.23/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.23 by a recorded vote of 127 to 1, with 6 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Australia,Canada, Argentina, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Ecuador and Japan.

The representative of Venezuela made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 85.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84]

A/C.4/51/L.12 to A/C.4/51/L.18

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.12.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.13.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/51/L.14 to L.18.

The Secretary of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee announced that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

A/C.4/51/L.12

Morocco became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.12 by a recorded vote of 139 to 1, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/51/L.13

Turkey became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.13 without a vote.

A/C.4/51/L.14

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.14 by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.15

Morocco and Senegal became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.15 by a recorded vote of 142 to none, with 1 abstention.

A/C.4/51/L.16

Morocco and Senegal became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.16 by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

*A/C.4/51/L.17**

Senegal became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.17 by a recorded vote of 128 to 2, with 8 abstentions.

A/C.4/51/L.18

Morocco and Senegal became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.18 by a recorded vote of 137 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan and Canada.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 84.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the programme budget implications on the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/51/L.24.

The representative of China proposed for the deletion of operative paragaph 4 in draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Ireland, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Colombia and Egypt.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand) and Argentina.

A/C.4/51/L.9, operative paragraph 4

The Committee adopted for the deletion of operative paragraph 4, in document A/C.4/51/L.9, by a recorded vote of 125 to 3 with no abstention.

A/C.4/51/L.9, as amended

The representative of Cuba proposed for the adoption of A/C.4/51/L.9 without a vote.

Following a request for a recorded vote by the representative of the United States, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/51/L.9, as amended, by a recorded vote of 135 to 2 with no abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 86.

Closure of the session

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 54th and 55th meetings

Note: The summary of the 54th and 55th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/233).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 33rd meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Singapore, Pakistan, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), China, Nigeria, Uganda, Egypt, Zambia, Saudi Arabia and Canada.

The Controller responded to questions previously posed.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

(a) Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions of ECOSOC

The Chairman made a statement and proposed an oral decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Uganda, Cuba, Mexico, Egypt, Canada, China, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Germany, Sierra Leone, Japan, the Marshall Islands, Colombia, Canada and Brazil.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision as proposed by the Chairman.

(b) Budget for the International Seabed Authority

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Jamaica, the Marshall Islands (on behalf of Samoa and the Marshall Islands), Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Cuba, Tunisia, Germany, Kenya, Ghana, China, Colombia, Egypt, Mexico, Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Haiti, South Africa, Cyprus, Senegal and Algeria.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

A statement was made by the representative of Bolivia (on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica (representing Central America), Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela and Bolivia).

The President of the Coordination Committee for Independant Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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41st and 42nd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Provisional application: Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg (26 November 1996)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Ratification: Dominican Republic (25 November 1996)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Aids Day

An observance of the World AIDS Day will be held on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly and co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Statements will be made by the President of the General , the United Nations Secretary General, actress Elizabeth Taylor, TV talks show host Cristina Saralegui, Malaysian Aids Council Chairman Marina Mahathir, and Noerine Kaleaba and Martina Clark of UNAIDS. Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and staff are invited.

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